

me see a way  
to remove the fat  
from what she  
was raised to think  
is sacred and  
to call my soul.

### Bachelor

He lies in bed,  
hears bare feet  
cross midnight lawns.

He sits,  
sniffs April, feels  
the shock of female-  
tingled darkness  
reach his groin.

He stands,  
sees a neighbor's  
nubile daughter  
sneak into bushes,  
followed by another  
neighbor's nubile son.

-- Dennis Trudell

Selinsgrove, Pa.

### Reading

Robert Bly will be  
here tomorrow to  
read & maybe preach.  
He's against war  
but supports poetry.  
Funny how you can  
turn them around  
poetry war  
war poetry  
& they read  
all right.

### Aphrodite

She waits flint  
eyed thigh spread  
pearl pink gash  
gawking while I  
hang like an  
Oldenburg telephone.

-- Phil Weidman

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